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DATE:

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TO:

All Local Health Departments

Attn: Chief Food Specialist

FROM:

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Manager, Food Protection Program

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SUBJECT:

Trader Joe's -Peanut Recall

SUGGESTED

ACTION:

Peanut Recall; Due to Salmonella typhimurium; Recommend notification of affected stores via

phone, fax or e-mail.

From the information provided by FDA, the recalled product was distributed in Indiana. The affected Sweet, Savory & Tart Trail Mix Bars and Trail Mix Fruit & Nut Bars were sold at Trader Joe's stores nationwide. Detail information is not available at this time. In addition, if any recalled product is found, please notify this office at 317-233-7360.

Trader Joe's Announces Voluntary Recall of Trader Joe's Vegan Trail Mix Cookies (Northern California Stores Only), Sweet, Savory & Tart Trail Mix Bars and Trail Mix Fruit & Nut Bar Due to Possible Health Risk

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE -- (February 27, 2009) Monrovia, CA - Trader Joe's today issued a voluntary recall for three private label products: Vegan Trail Mix Cookies (Northern California Stores Only), 12-ounce (UPC 22442), Sweet, Savory & Tart Trail Mix Bars, 7.4-ounce (UPC 68686) and Trail Mix Fruit & Nut Bar (item sold individually), 1.6-ounce (UPC 91954) because the products contain peanut butter that was manufactured by Peanut Corporation of America (PCA), which is the focus of an ongoing Salmonella investigation.

Salmonella is an organism that can cause serious and sometimes fatal infections in young children, frail and elderly people and others with weakened immune systems. Healthy persons infected with Salmonella often experience fever, diarrhea (which may be bloody), nausea, vomiting and abdominal pain. In rare circumstances, infection with Salmonella can result in the organism getting into the bloodstream and producing more severe illnesses such as arterial infections (i.e., infected aneurysms), endocarditis and arthritis. For more information on salmonella, please visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention web-site at www.cdc.com.

As a precaution, in advance of this recall, Trader Joe's removed all three items from store shelves.



The affected Vegan Trail Mix Cookies were sold only in Trader Joe's stores located in Northern California. The Sweet, Savory & Tart Trail Mix Bars and Trail Mix Fruit & Nut Bars were sold at Trader Joe's stores nationwide.

At this time, there have been no confirmed cases of illnesses or adverse affects affiliated with these products.

At Trader Joe's we take the safety of our customers and the integrity of our products very seriously. Customers who have purchased any of these items (any date code) are urged to return them to any Trader Joe's for a full refund. Customers with questions may contact Trader Joe's Customer Service at (626) 599-3817.

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Photos: Product Labels

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